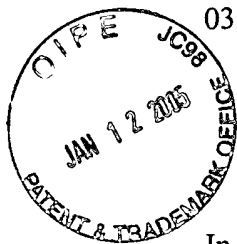


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INTERVIEW STATEMENT

Sir:


On December 14, 2004, Applicant's undersigned representative held an interview with Examiner Jill Culler and Supervisory Patent Examiner Andrew Hirshfeld, regarding the present invention. Applicant's representative wishes to thank the Examiners for allowing Applicant's representative to meet with them, and for the courtesies extended by the Examiners during the interview.

Applicant's representative and the Examiners discussed the allowability of the claims. In particular, it was argued that no motivation or suggestion was presented for modifying the citations to form a proximal discharging roller with a resin shaft and a distal discharging roller with a metal shaft.

Applicant's representative again thanks the Examiner for her consideration and courtesy during the interview.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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